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May 30, 2007

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**Procurement Directors** 

FROM:

Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61

Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Final Rule Issued

**SUMMARY:** This Policy Flash is to inform you that the Department has issued two final rules to correspond with existing policy in the DOE Acquisition Guide and Department Directives. First, the rule on the Cooperative Audit Strategy was published in the *Federal Register* on May 24, 2007 to amend existing DEAR requirements of management and operating (M&O) contractors' internal audit activities. The minor amendments affected the following DEAR clauses:

970.3270 Standard financial management

970.5203-1 Management controls

970.5232-3 Accounts, records, and inspection

Second, the rule on Technical Revisions or Amendments to Update was published in the *Federal Register* on May 29, 2007. The updates include the removal of DEAR clauses concerning simplified acquisition procedures and facilities management contracting and the addition of a clause and corresponding policy addressing work authorization. The changes are as indicated below:

Subpart 913.4 is removed and reserved; Sections 970.1170, 970.1170-1, and 970.1170-2 are added; Section 970.3770-2 is removed and reserved; Section 970.5211-1 is added; and Section 970.5237-2 is removed and reserved.

The rules are posted to the Electronic DEAR on the Home Page and to the FAR Site at Hill AFB. This Flash 2007-39 will be available online within a day, at the following website: <a href="http://www.management.energy.gov/policy\_guidance/policy\_flashes.htm">http://www.management.energy.gov/policy\_guidance/policy\_flashes.htm</a>.

Questions concerning Cooperative Audit Strategy should be directed to Helen Oxberger at 202-287-1332 or <a href="helen.oxberger@hq.doe.gov">helen.oxberger@hq.doe.gov</a> and questions concerning Technical Revisions or Amendments to Update should be directed to Sandra Cover at 202-287-1344 or <a href="mailto:sandra.cover@hq.doe.gov">sandra.cover@hq.doe.gov</a>.

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